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SUBJ: RSAF SURVEY REPORT

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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY RSAF SURVEY. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES ADVANTAGE OF INSURING THAT ALL RSFK RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF OVERALL ARMED FORCES SURVEY. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE UNDESIRABILITY OF HAVING TO AMEND RSAF REPORT ONCE PRESENTED. FOR THESE REASONS WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH STATE/DOD WISH TO HOLD FINAL COPY OF COMPLETE RSAF SURVEY UNTIL IT CAN BE INCORPORATED IN TOTAL PACKAGE.

2. WE DID HOWEVER, HAVE COMMITMENT TO MODA TO PROVIDE RSAF SURVEY BY 1 JUNE, AND BELIEVE THAT FURTHER DELAY WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD. THEREFORE, WE WILL PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PRESENT TELEGRAPHIC EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REF B. WE BELIEVE THAT AIRCRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE, IN SAUDI EYES, CORE OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THAT RECEIPT
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OF TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY WOULD GO LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING

MODA NEEDS FOR BUDGETARY AND OTHER PLANNING PURPOSES. ACCORDINGLY CHUSMTM, PROBABLY IN COMPANY OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE, WILL ORALLY BRIEF MODA AND LEAVE COPY OF SUMMARY REF B ON PLAIN WHITE PAPER. CHUSMTM WILL EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS ADVANCE COPY PRESENTED TO ALLOW INITIAL PLANNING TO GET UNDERWAY AND WOULD NOTE THAT RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO MINOR REVISIONS, INCLUDING REVISIONS IN TIME FRAMES SUGGESTED, WHEN TOTAL PACKAGE IS ASSEMBLED. AIRCRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS, HOWEVER, WILL REMAIN FIRM. CHUSMTM WOULD, AT TIME OF BRIEFING, PROMISE DELIVERY OF COMPLETE ARMED FORCES SURVEY BEFORE END OF AUGUST. REQUEST WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION THAT PACKAGE CAN BE READY FOR DELIVERY BY THAT TIME.

3. FOR USMTM: SUGGEST INTRODUCTORY REMARKS PROPOSED PARA 4, REF D IN YOUR TYPED PRESENTATION COPY, OMIT SENTENCE WHICH READS QUOTE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AREAS SHOULD AWAIT SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL REPORT, UNQUOTE.
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